

Introduced by: Councilmember Williams

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ORDINANCE 2007-3
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE *TAKOMA PARK CODE*
TO REVISE THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Emergency Preparedness Committee was established to provide community input and assistance in the City's planning and preparations for emergency operations and to involve residents in providing appropriate assistance during emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended that their statement of purpose be revised to clarify their role and to not duplicate the efforts of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Council has accepted the Committee's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

Title 2, Chapter 2.16, Section 2.16.240 of the Takoma Park Code be amended as follows:

Section 2.16.240 Article 8. Emergency Preparedness Committee - Statement of purpose

The Emergency Preparedness Committee shall assist in:

A. Reviewing the City's Emergency Operations Plan and recommending changes to the Council and City Manager, including changes to improve processes for assisting special populations during an emergency.

~~B. Organizing Neighborhood Safety Contacts to interface with the City's Emergency Operations Team and establishing a process for using these contacts to facilitate communications during actual emergencies.~~

~~C.~~ B. Exploring the formation of volunteer neighborhood emergency teams that would assist City Departments in carrying out emergency activities when called upon.

~~D. Establishing a process for assisting the frail, elderly and persons with disabilities during an emergency.~~

E.C. Assisting the City in coordinating with Montgomery County and other agencies in ~~educating~~ to educate residents on their individual responsibilities for preparing their households

for emergencies and providing information on what residents can expect from the City and County during an emergency.

~~FD~~. Exploring grant opportunities that would aid the City to improve the emergency preparedness of the Community and City Management—this would include assisting City staff in documenting and submitting desirable grants for review by the City Manager and concurrence of the Council.

~~GE~~. Reporting to the Council on the Committee’s progress six months after the Committee starts operating and every six months thereafter. Each report should provide appropriate recommendations for improving the City’s emergency preparedness along with budgetary implications that should be considered during the preparation of the annual budget.

~~HF~~. Coordinating with Montgomery County to offer and promote ~~Arranging for~~ Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) or other citizen training programs for resident volunteers and committee members ~~as requested~~.

~~IG~~. Coordinating with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center to identify and promote volunteer opportunities under emergency situations. ~~Educating and~~ Assist in promoting these volunteer opportunities to Neighborhood Safety Contacts, citizen patrols, citizen associations, persons who serve or care for special City populations, and other City residents.

~~JH~~. Advising the City on strategies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the City preparedness activities and its ~~Establishing an active relationship~~ with relevant County, State and Federal Volunteer Agencies, and the American Red Cross, as well as the emergency preparedness ~~volunteer~~ organizations of neighboring jurisdictions.

~~KI~~. Suggesting test scenarios to the City Manager and providing Committee members to be present in the City’s Emergency Operations Center during Emergency Test Exercises to act as observers during the test and to provide input to the after action report of the test.

Adopted this 12th day of February, 2007 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYES:	Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Seamens, Snipper, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Additions to the existing language of the Takoma Park Code are indicated by highlighting and underlining.

Deletions to the existing language of the Takoma Park Code are indicated by ~~strikeout~~.